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Abstract

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## INTRODUCTION

Exchange coupling propagated by sulfur donor atom bridges continues to attract considerable attention because of the prominence of sulfur bridged metal ions in biological systems<sup>1</sup> and of the more recent observation that complexes with sulfur donor ligands undergo facile partial oxidations to yield highly conducting synthetic materials.<sup>2</sup> In order to provide additional information on exchange coupling in sulfur bridged copper(II) compounds we have measured the magnetic susceptibility of the quasi linear chain compound bis(dimethyldithiocarbamate)copper(II),<sup>3</sup>  $[\text{Cu}(\text{dmtc})_2]_\infty$  and report the results of our work in this Article. In addition, we have collected structural and magnetic data for other sulfur-bridged copper(II) compounds and discuss the relationship between structural features and exchange coupling.

## EXPERIMENTAL

Bis(N,N-dimethyldithiocarbamate)copper(II) was prepared by mixing a solution of copper chloride in water with a stoichiometric amount of the sodium salt of the ligand dissolved in water. The precipitate was filtered, washed with water, and dried. Anal. Calcd: C, 23.71; H, 3.98; N, 9.22; Cu, 20.90. Found: C, 23.86; H, 3.74; N, 9.78; Cu, 20.90.

Magnetic susceptibility data were collected with a Princeton Applied Research vibrating sample magnetometer which was calibrated with ultrapure nickel metal<sup>4</sup> and with  $\text{HgCo}(\text{NCS})_4$ .<sup>5</sup> The two calibrations agreed very well and it is estimated that the limits of error on the measured magnetic susceptibilities are  $\pm 1\%$ . The temperatures were measured with a calibrated gallium arsenide diode as has been described elsewhere.<sup>6</sup> The sample was contained in a Lucite sample holder, and the magnetometer output was corrected for the diamagnetism of the sample holder and the underlying diamagnetism of the constituent atoms using Pascal's constants.<sup>7</sup>

A value of  $60 \times 10^{-6}$  emu/mole was assumed for the temperature independent paramagnetism of the copper(II) ion.<sup>8</sup> All curve fitting was carried out using a SIMPLEX function minimization program.<sup>9-12</sup>

Electron paramagnetic resonance spectra were recorded using a Varian E-3 spectrometer at X-band,  $\sim 9.5$  GHz. The magnetic field was determined from the chart paper which had been calibrated<sup>13</sup> with a Magnion G-502 precision gaussmeter, a Hewlett-Packard 5340A frequency counter, and a DPPH sample. The agreement was better than 1%.

## RESULTS

The magnetic susceptibility of a powdered sample of the linear chain compound bis(dimethyldithiocarbamate)copper(II) is plotted as a function of temperature in Figure 1, where it may be seen that the susceptibility exhibits a maximum value at  $\sim 2.5$  K. This behavior is indicative of a magnetically condensed substance, and since the compound has a linear chain structure, the data were analyzed using the Heisenberg linear chain theory of Bonner and Fisher.<sup>14</sup> The Hamiltonian in Equation (1) was used by Bonner and Fisher to produce numerical results for the temperature variation of the magnetic

$$H = -2J \sum_n \{ \hat{S}_Z^i \hat{S}_Z^{i+1} + \hat{S}_x^i \hat{S}_x^{i+1} + \hat{S}_y^i \hat{S}_y^{i+1} \} \quad (1)$$

susceptibility of exchange coupled chains of  $S = 1/2$  ions. Hall has fit Bonner's numerical data to the following expression:

$$\chi_m \approx \frac{Ng^2\beta^2}{kT} \cdot \frac{0.25 + 0.14995x + 0.30094x^2}{1.0 + 1.9862x + 0.68854x^2 + 6.0626x^3} \quad (2)$$

where  $x = kT/|J|$ . Since, as described in the next section, the chains in  $[\text{Cu(dmtc)}_2]_\infty$  are in rather close contact, substantial interchain interactions were anticipated. The problem was treated as one involving Heisenberg

interactions along a chain with a correction for interchain interactions being accounted for in the expression

$$\chi_n = \chi_H / (1 - 2zJ'\chi_H / Ng^2\beta^2) \quad (3)$$

where  $\chi_H$  is the magnetic susceptibility of an isolated Heisenberg chain of  $S = 1/2$  ions,  $z$  is the number of near neighbors in adjacent chains, and  $J'$  is the interchain exchange parameter. In this case,  $z$  was taken to be four. Expression 3 was fit to the experimental magnetic susceptibility and temperature data using as the criterion of best fit the minimum value of  $\sum_i (\chi_i^{\text{calc}} - \chi_i^{\text{obs}})^2 / (\chi_i^{\text{obs}})^2$ . The parameters which were obtained using the  $g$  value of 2.03 determined from the EPR spectrum were  $J = -1.22 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  and  $J' = +0.47 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ . Since the ratio of  $J'$  to  $J$  is relatively large, the applicability of the linear chain model to  $[\text{Cu}(\text{dmtc})_2]_\infty$  is open to some question. The expression for two exchange-coupled  $S=1/2$  ions gives a reasonable fit to the data with the EPR  $\langle g \rangle$  value of 2.03 and  $J = -1.3 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ . However, this latter model is probably not applicable to  $[\text{Cu}(\text{dmdtc})_2]_\infty$ , since the high temperature structure is known to be a uniformly spaced linear chain, and since the magnetic susceptibility data appear to be tending toward a non-zero value as the temperature approaches zero. Extensive measurements on single crystals in the low temperature range will be required before an exact description of the magnetic interactions may be had.

## DISCUSSION

First the available structures of sulfur-bridged copper(II) compounds will be described, then the magnetic properties of these compounds will be discussed, and finally a correlation between the magnetic properties and the geometry of the bridged  $\text{Cu}_2\text{S}_2$  unit will be drawn.

Structures - As determined by Einstein and Field<sup>3</sup> the copper(II) ion in  $[\text{Cu}(\text{dmtc})_2]_\infty$  is octahedrally coordinated to six sulfur donor atoms with the bond distances  $\text{Cu-S}(1) = 2.302(2)$ ,  $\text{Cu-S}(2) = 2.319(2)$  and  $\text{Cu-S}(1') = 3.159(2)$  Å. The short copper-sulfur distances involve sulfur atoms of two dimethyldithiocarbamate-ligands in the plane of a tetragonally elongated octahedron, and the long bond distances involve sulfur atoms in adjacent  $\text{Cu}(\text{dmtc})_2$  units. The  $\text{Cu-S}(1)\text{-Cu}'$  bridging angle is  $94.2^\circ$ . The chain that is formed by the sharing of sulfur atoms runs along the c axis of the C-centered monoclinic cell. The closest contact between chains is between a sulfur atom on one chain and a hydrogen atom on an adjacent chain at 2.80 Å, but it is unlikely that this contact is important in superexchange pathways. More important in this regard are the sulfur-sulfur contacts of 5.023 Å which occur between the chains at the corners of the cells. These interactions link the chains into two-dimensional networks in the ab plane. There are also short sulfur-sulfur contacts of 5.7 and 5.9 Å between the two chains in the same cell.

The structure of  $[\text{Cu}(\text{detc})_2]_2$  was reported by Bonamico, *et al.*<sup>15</sup> in 1965. The structure consists of a pair of square planar  $\text{Cu}(\text{detc})_2$  units linked into a dimer by coordination of one in-plane sulfur in an out-of-plane site of the adjacent copper ion. Thus, the coordination geometry about copper is tetragonal pyramidal with four short in-plane copper-sulfur bond distances of approximately 2.3 Å and one long out-of-plane bond distance of 2.851 Å. It is this latter bond which leads to bridge formation. The  $\text{Cu-S}_b\text{-Cu}$  angle is  $86.9^\circ$ . The sixth coordination site of copper is blocked by a hydrogen atom from an ethyl group of a neighboring dimer. The copper-hydrogen distance was calculated by Bonamico, *et al.* to be 2.859 Å.

In the dimer dichloro( $\text{1H}^+$ -thiocarbonohydrazidium-NS)copper(II) chloride,  $[\text{Cu}_2(\text{H}^+\text{TCH})_2\text{Cl}_4]\text{Cl}_2$ , the copper ion is coordinated by six donor atoms in the



often seen "4+1+1" arrangement.<sup>16</sup> The four short bonds are to two chlorides and to nitrogen and sulfur donors from the cationic, bidentate ligand. The in-plane bonded sulfur atom of one fragment occupies an out-of-plane site of the adjacent copper ion leading to the  $\text{Cu}_2\text{S}_2$  bridged unit. The out-of-plane copper-sulfur distance is  $3.310(6) \text{ \AA}$ . Even though this distance is rather long, the interaction as well as extensive hydrogen bonding between the ammonium groups and the coordinated chlorides, serve to bind the fragments together.

The planar units of  $[\text{Cu}(3\text{-ethoxy-2-oxobutiraldehyde bithiosemi-carbazone})]$  are stacked to give a di- $\mu$ -sulfur bridged alternating chain.<sup>17</sup> The out-of-plane copper-sulfur distances in the alternating chain are  $3.101(2)$  and  $3.312(2) \text{ \AA}$ , with the  $\text{Cu-S}_\mu\text{-Cu}$  bridging angle in the more tightly bound fragment being  $89.8^\circ$ . The corresponding angle in the unit with the longer bridge is  $86.5^\circ$ .

The structural features which are important for the discussion of the magnetic properties are the copper-sulfur bond distances and the  $\text{Cu-S}_\mu\text{-Cu}$  angle at the bridging sulfur atom. These data are collected in Table I. It is important to note that the in-plane bond distances are nearly constant at  $2.3 \pm 0.04 \text{ \AA}$ , while the out-of-plane distances vary from  $2.85 \text{ \AA}$  in the tightly bound dimer  $[\text{Cu}(\text{detc})_2]_2$  to  $3.3 \text{ \AA}$  in  $[\text{Cu}(\text{IH}^+\text{-TCH})\text{Cl}_2]_2\text{Cl}_2$  and the alternating chain  $[\text{Cu}(\text{KTS})]_\infty$ .

Magnetic Properties - The magnetic susceptibility data for  $[\text{Cu}(\text{dmtc})_2]_\infty$  are given in Figure 1, where the antiferromagnetic interaction is clearly indicated by the maximum in magnetic susceptibility at  $\sim 2.5 \text{ K}$ . The data may be described by a modified Heisenberg chain model with the EPR g value of 2.03 and the parameters  $J(\text{intrachain}) = -1.22 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  and  $J'(\text{interchain}) = 0.47 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ , or by a dimer model with  $J = -1.3 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ . These data are adequate

for the present work which documents the effectiveness of sulfur donor bridges to transmit superexchange interactions, even though the bridging bond distances are very long. If possible, additional measurements on single crystals in the low temperature range would be very desirable, for such information would permit an exact description of the exchange interactions.

The first extensive work on the magnetic properties of  $[\text{Cu}(\text{detc})_2]_2$  was the paramagnetic anisotropy measurements of Gregson and Mitra,<sup>18</sup> who deduced values for the exchange coupling parameters,  $J_{||}$  and  $J_{\perp}$ , of 8.0 and 6.6  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , respectively. Additional magnetic susceptibility and magnetization measurements made on powdered samples at low temperatures<sup>19,20</sup> yielded an average  $J$  value of 12  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , but more recent highly sensitive multifrequency pulse and spin echo EPR measurements<sup>21</sup> yielded a singlet-triplet splitting of 13  $\pm 1$   $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . In view of the extensive EPR data<sup>22,23</sup> on the triplet state in  $[\text{Cu}(\text{detc})_2]_2$ , the report by Carlin and coworkers<sup>24</sup> that there is no exchange coupling in the dimeric molecule can be dismissed. In any event, since there is exchange coupling in the three other known sulfur bridged copper complexes, all of which have much longer copper-sulfur out-of-plane bond distances, then it is very difficult to see how the copper ions would not be exchange coupled in  $[\text{Cu}(\text{detc})_2]_2$ .

Magnetic susceptibility data obtained<sup>25</sup> on a small powdered sample of  $[\text{Cu}(\text{IH}^+\text{-thiocarbanohydrazidium-NS})\text{Cl}_2]_2\text{Cl}_2$  show a maximum in susceptibility at  $\sim 25$  K, and the data may be fit to the Van Vleck equation for a pair of exchange coupled copper(II) ions with the EPR  $g$  value of  $2.13 \pm 0.02$  and  $2J = -24.8 \pm 2.0$   $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . This is perhaps a surprisingly large value for the singlet-triplet splitting, especially in view of the very long copper-sulfur out-of-plane bond distance. The results reflect the large radial extensions of the sulfur orbitals involved in the superexchange interaction.

As of yet, adequate magnetic susceptibility data for the alternating linear chain compound  $[\text{Cu}(\text{KTS})]_{\infty}$  are not available, but Blumberg and Peisach have estimated a "singlet-triplet" splitting of  $16 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  for a singlet ground state system based on temperature dependent EPR signal intensities.<sup>26</sup>

Correlation of Magnetic Properties with Structure - Structural and magnetic data for the sulfur bridged copper(II) compounds are compiled in Table I. There are several conclusions which may be drawn from the data. The first and most important point is that even long out-of-plane bridging bond distances provide pathways for appreciable singlet-triplet splittings resulting from superexchange coupling. Next, the short in-plane copper-sulfur

Table I. Structural and Magnetic Data in Sulfur-Bridged Copper(II) Compounds

Compound	$J, \text{cm}^{-1}$	$\text{Cu-S}_{b,l}^a (\text{\AA})$	$\text{Cu-S}_{b,s}^b (\text{\AA})$	$\text{Cu-S}_b\text{-Cu}$	$\phi/r_0$	Ref.
$[\text{Cu}(\text{dmdtc})_2]_{\infty}$	-1.22	3.159(2)	2.302(2)	94.2	29.8	3, this work
$[\text{Cu}(\text{detc})_2]_2$	12	2.851	2.339(2)	86.9°	30.5	15,19,20
	6.5±0.5					21
	4,3.3					18
$[\text{Cu}(\text{H}^+-\text{TCH})\text{Cl}_2]_2\text{Cl}_2$	-12.4±1	3.310(6)	2.271(5)	88.4	26.7	16,25
$[\text{Cu}(\text{KTS})]_{\infty}$	-8	3.101		89.8	29.0	17,26
		3.312		86.5		

<sup>a</sup> This is the long, out-of-plane bridging bond distance.

<sup>b</sup> This is the short, in-plane bridging bond distance.

bond distances which are involved in the bridge are relatively constant at  $2.3 \pm 0.04 \text{\AA}$ , but the out-of-bond distances vary from  $2.851 \text{\AA}$  in  $[\text{Cu}(\text{detc})_2]_2$

to 3.3 Å in  $[\text{Cu}(\text{H}^+-\text{TCH})\text{Cl}_2]_2\text{Cl}_2$ . In addition, there is a fairly wide range of  $\text{Cu}-\text{S}_\text{b}-\text{Cu}$  angles at the bridging sulfur atom.

It has been established that the singlet-triplet splitting is a linear function of the angle at the bridging oxygen atom in a series of di- $\mu$ -hydroxo bridged copper(II) compounds.<sup>27</sup> Also, Roundhill, *et al.*<sup>28</sup> have noted that the singlet states are similarly stabilized as the bridge angle increases in chloro-bridged copper(II) systems. For this particular group of sulfur-bridged compounds there is an additional variable, which also arises in several parallel planar chloro-bridged copper compounds, and that is the out-of-plane bridging bond distance. Since the extent of exchange coupling is known to decrease as the internuclear separation of exchange coupled sites increases, we were led to investigate the relationship between the exchange coupling constants for these sulfur bridged compounds and the function  $\phi/r_0$ , where  $\phi$  is the  $\text{Cu}-\text{S}_\text{b}-\text{Cu}$  angle and  $r_0$  is the out-of-plane copper-sulfur bond distance. This relationship is shown in Figure 2, where it may be seen that a smooth curve may be drawn through the experimental data. For the purpose of this work the exchange coupling constant for  $[\text{Cu}(\text{detc})_2]_2$  determined earlier in our laboratory was used, although there may be some question concerning the magnitude of this number in view of the EPR investigations of Al'tshuler, *et al.*<sup>21</sup> Also, the geometry of the more tightly bound unit of  $[\text{Cu}(\text{KTS})]_\infty$  was used to obtain  $\phi/r_0$  for the compound, since this unit may be expected to dominate exchange coupling in the range of Blumberg and Peisach's measurements.

The observation of the relationship between the exchange parameter and  $\phi/r_0$  has stimulated additional research in our laboratory on other systems which exhibit the two variables  $\phi$  and  $r_0$ . A similar relationship exists for a series of di- $\mu$ -chloro bridged parallel planar copper(II) dimers with the ligands dimethylglyoxime,<sup>29,30</sup>  $\text{N},\text{N},\text{N}',\text{N}'$ -tetramethylethylenediamine,<sup>31</sup>

N,N-dimethylethylenediamine,<sup>32,33</sup> 2-methylpyridine,<sup>34,35</sup> and tetramethylene-sulfoxide.<sup>36</sup> In these latter compounds the angles at the chloride bridge range from 86° in  $[\text{Cu}(\text{u-Me}_2\text{en})\text{Cl}_2]_2$ <sup>33</sup> to 100° in  $[\text{Cu}(\alpha\text{-pic})_2\text{Cl}_2]_2$ ,<sup>34</sup> the long, out of plane bonds range from 2.70 Å in  $[\text{Cu}(\text{dmg})_2\text{Cl}_2]_2$ <sup>29</sup> to 3.37 Å in  $[\text{Cu}(\alpha\text{-pic})_2\text{Cl}_2]_2$ ,<sup>34</sup> and the singlet-triplet splitting range from -16 cm<sup>-1</sup> in  $[\text{Cu}(\text{TMSO})_2\text{Cl}_2]_2$ <sup>36</sup> to +6.3 cm<sup>-1</sup> in  $[\text{Cu}(\text{dmg})\text{Cl}_2]_2$ .<sup>30</sup> The relationship between  $J$  and  $\phi/r_0$  is essentially linear for the chloride bridged dimers, but the range of  $J$  and  $\phi/r_0$  is more limited than that of the sulfur bridged compounds and curvature is anticipated.

Since the angle at the bridge determines the sign of the exchange coupling constant, then we may expect that the line in Figure 2 will reach a maximum value at some larger value of  $\phi/r_0$  and then begin to decrease with an increase in  $\phi/r_0$ . There are data which support this view. The compounds  $\text{Cu}(\text{dimethyl sulfoxide})_2\text{Cl}_2$ ,<sup>37,38</sup>  $\text{Cu}(\text{H}_2\text{O})(\text{caffeine})\text{Cl}_2$ ,<sup>39,40</sup>  $\text{Cu}(\text{imidazole})_2\text{Cl}_2$ ,<sup>40,42</sup> and  $\text{Cu}\{2-(2\text{-methylaminoethyl})\text{pyridine}\}\text{Cl}_2$ <sup>32,40,42</sup> have single chloride bridged chain structures with angles which range from 113° in  $\text{Cu}(\text{MAEP})\text{Cl}_2$ <sup>43</sup> to 144° in  $\text{Cu}(\text{DMSO})_2\text{Cl}_2$ .<sup>37</sup> Except for  $\text{Cu}(\text{imidazole})_2\text{Cl}_2$ , which undergoes long range ordering below 7.7 K,<sup>40</sup> the exchange coupling constant decreases (from +1.48 cm<sup>-1</sup> for  $\text{Cu}(\text{MAEP})\text{Cl}_2$ <sup>32,40</sup> to -6.1 cm<sup>-1</sup> for  $\text{Cu}(\text{DMSO})_2\text{Cl}_2$ <sup>38</sup>) as  $\phi/r_0$  increases. Should examples of copper complexes with larger angles be found, it is likely that the exchange coupling constants will be negative.

The results of this study have shown that sulfur donor bridges between copper ions in dimers and chains transmit superexchange interaction and that these interactions are large even though long bonds are involved in the bridged units. In addition it appears that the angle at the bridge and the length of the bridge bonds determine the nature of the exchange coupling in a systematic way.

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## FIGURE CAPTIONS

Figure 1. The magnetic susceptibility versus temperature for the linear chain compound  $[\text{Cu}(\text{dmtc})_2]_\infty$ . The solid line is the best fit of the Heisenberg linear chain  $S = 1/2$  model to the data with the EPR  $g$  value of 2.03 and  $J(\text{intrachain}) = -1.22 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ . A correction for an interchain interaction gave  $J(\text{interchain}) = 0.47 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ .

Figure 2. A plot of  $J$  versus  $\phi/r_0$ , where  $\phi$  is the  $\text{Cu-S}_b\text{-Cu}$  bridging angle in a series of sulfur bridged copper compounds and  $r_0$  is the long out-of-plane bond distance.



